

449655-2026 - Competition

Netherlands – Legal advisory and representation services – Procurement procedure for legal advice, pre-litigation and litigation services in relation to EU Staff matters

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Contract or concession notice – standard regime

Services

1. Buyer

1.1. Buyer

Official name: European Medicines Agency, MED - European Medicines Agency

Email: procurement@ema.europa.eu

Legal type of the buyer: EU institution, body or agency

Activity of the contracting authority: General public services

2. Procedure

2.1. Procedure

Title: Procurement procedure for legal advice, pre-litigation and litigation services in relation to EU Staff matters

Description: The Agency presently employs staff members as temporary agents and contract agents and considers that it may, on occasion, require legal services from a law firm in relation to its employment conditions, namely the Staff Regulations of officials and the Conditions of Employment of other servants of the European Union ("EU Staff Regulations"), the Protocol (No 7) on the Privileges and Immunities of the European Union, other provisions applicable to staff members but also on other matters which may arise in relation to employment conditions of staff (collectively referred to "EU staff matters"). Staff members have the right to lodge appeals and complaints against administrative decisions taken by the Agency under these Regulations. Staff members may also make appeals to the European Court of Justice or the Ombudsman. The Agency may also require legal services in relation to such appeals, complaints or disputes. In light of the foregoing, the Agency seeks to conclude multiple framework contracts (FWC) for the services of external lawyers who hold particular knowledge in EU staff matters, to predominantly cover the provision of: 1) legal advice in relation to the interpretation and implementation of the provisions of the Staff Regulations of Officials and Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union ("EU Staff Regulations"); the Protocol (No.7) on the Privileges and Immunities of the European Union; other provisions applicable to staff members; and other matters which may arise in relation to employment conditions of staff ("collectively referred to "EU staff matters"), and 2) pre-litigation and litigation services to represent the Agency before the EU Courts, as well as for the provision of legal advice in pre-litigation and litigation stage in relation to staff cases pursuant to "EU staff matters". It is emphasised that (a) "pre-litigation services" shall be understood as cases where legal advice is given in the preparation of arbitration or conciliation or judicial proceedings, or where there is tangible indication and high probability that the matter to which the legal services relate will become the subject of arbitration or conciliation or judicial proceedings, and (b) this procurement procedure includes legal representation of the Agency before EU Courts (ECJ) as well as the provision of legal advice in pre-litigation and litigation stage in relation to staff cases. The Agency wishes to award up to a maximum of two suitably qualified and experienced law firms, in priority order, predominantly covering the provision of legal advice

but also pre-litigation and litigation services in relation to EU staff matters for an initial period of one year, with three possible renewals, each of twelve months. In the context of this procedure, "Law firm" shall be understood as comprising practising lawyers as individuals and "pre-litigation cases/matters" shall be understood as cases where legal advice is given in the preparation of arbitration or conciliation or judicial proceedings, or where there is tangible indication and high probability that the matter to which the legal services relate will become the subject of arbitration or conciliation or judicial proceedings. The law firm would be required to participate in related meetings, usually by teleconference, and discussions as deemed necessary, assist with the preparation of documents for written procedures and oral hearings and ensure submission by e-curia or other appropriate means, represent the Agency at hearings, advise and draft replies to complaints and other correspondence as required.

Procedure identifier: 5f5a6b47-db5d-4649-bc0f-1dad4e7da63

Internal identifier: EMA/2026/CPN/0011

Type of procedure: Negotiated with prior publication of a call for competition / competitive with negotiation

The procedure is accelerated: no

2.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 79110000 Legal advisory and representation services

2.1.2. Place of performance

Anywhere in the European Economic Area

Additional information: Please consult the procurement documents.

2.1.3. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 170 000,00 EUR

2.1.4. General information

Additional information: In case of unavailability or disruptions in the functioning of the electronic means of communication provided in Section 5.1.11 in the last 5 calendar days before the time limit for receipt indicated in Section 5.1.12, the contracting authority reserves the right to extend this time limit and publish the extension at the Internet address provided in Section 5.1.11, without a preceding publication of a corrigendum to this notice. Economic operators interested in this procurement are invited to subscribe to the call for tenders at the address in Section 5.1.11 in order to get notified when new information or documents are published.

Legal basis:

Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509

2.1.6. Grounds for exclusion

Sources of grounds for exclusion: Procurement Document

5. Lot

5.1. Lot: LOT-0001

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Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 79110000 Legal advisory and representation services

5.1.2. Place of performance

Anywhere in the European Economic Area

Additional information: Please consult the procurement documents.

5.1.3. Estimated duration

Duration: 48 Months

5.1.4. Renewal

Maximum renewals: 3

Other information about renewals: The framework contract is concluded for an initial period of 12 (twelve) months, renewable 3 (three) time(s). Please consult the draft framework contract in the procurement documents.

5.1.5. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 170 000,00 EUR

5.1.6. General information

Reserved participation:

Participation is not reserved.

Procurement Project fully or partially financed with EU Funds.

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): no

5.1.9. Selection criteria

Sources of selection criteria: Procurement Document

Information about the second stage of a two-stage procedure:

Minimum number of candidates to be invited for the second stage of the procedure: 3

Maximum number of candidates to be invited for the second stage of the procedure: 5

The procedure will take place in successive stages. At each stage, some participants may be eliminated

The buyer reserves the right to award the contract on the basis of the initial tenders without any further negotiations

5.1.10. Award criteria

Criterion:

Type: Quality

Description: Please consult the procurement documents.

Category of award weight criterion: Weight (percentage, exact)

Award criterion number: 70

Criterion:

Type: Price

Description: Please consult the procurement documents.

Category of award weight criterion: Weight (percentage, exact)

Award criterion number: 30

5.1.11. Procurement documents

Address of the procurement documents: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/tender-details/5f5a6b47-db5d-4649-bc0f-1dadb4e7da63-CN?#anchorDocuments>

Ad hoc communication channel:

Name: Funding and Tenders Portal

URL: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/tender-details/5f5a6b47-db5d-4649-bc0f-1dadb4e7da63-CN?#anchorDocuments>

5.1.12. Terms of procurement

Terms of submission:

Electronic submission: Required

Address for submission: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/digit/opsys/esubmission?cftUuid=5f5a6b47-db5d-4649-bc0f-1dadb4e7da63>

Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted: Bulgarian, Czech, Danish, German, Greek, English, Spanish, Estonian, Finnish, French, Irish, Croatian, Hungarian, Italian, Lithuanian, Latvian, Maltese, Dutch, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak, Slovenian, Swedish

Electronic catalogue: Not allowed

Deadline for receipt of requests to participate: 31/07/2026 12:00:59 (UTC+02:00) Eastern European Time, Central European Summer Time

Terms of contract:

The execution of the contract must be performed within the framework of sheltered employment programmes: No

Electronic invoicing: Allowed

Electronic ordering will be used: yes

Electronic payment will be used: yes

5.1.15. Techniques

Framework agreement:

Framework agreement, without reopening of competition

Maximum number of participants: 2

Information about the dynamic purchasing system:

No dynamic purchase system

5.1.16. Further information, mediation and review

Review organisation: Court of Justice of the European Union

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures: European Medicines Agency, MED - European Medicines Agency

8. Organisations

8.1. ORG-0001

Official name: European Medicines Agency, MED - European Medicines Agency

Registration number: EMEA

Postal address: Domenico Scarlattilaan 6

Town: Amsterdam

Postcode: NL-1083

Country subdivision (NUTS): Groot-Amsterdam (NL32B)

Country: Netherlands

Email: procurement@ema.europa.eu

Telephone: +44 20 7418 8400

Internet address: <https://www.ema.europa.eu>

Roles of this organisation:

Buyer

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures

8.1. ORG-0002

Official name: Court of Justice of the European Union

Registration number: CURIA

Postal address: Rue du Fort Niedergrünwald

Town: Luxembourg

Postcode: L-2925

Country subdivision (NUTS): Luxembourg (LU000)

Country: Luxembourg

Email: GC.Registry@curia.europa.eu
Telephone: +352 4303-1
Internet address: <http://curia.europa.eu>

Roles of this organisation:

Review organisation

8.1. ORG-0003

Official name: European Commission

Registration number: EUCOM

Postal address: Mondrian (CDMA), Rue du Champ de Mars 21

Town: Brussels

Postcode: B-1050

Country subdivision (NUTS): Arr. de Bruxelles-Capitale/Arr. Brussel-Hoofdstad (BE100)

Country: Belgium

Email: procurement@ema.europa.eu

Telephone: +32 2 299 11 11

Internet address: <https://commission.europa.eu/>

Roles of this organisation:

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